

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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FEBRUARY 2011

CALENDAR:

February 2	Groundhog Day
February 6	Racing Activities Meeting
February 10	WVSC Board Meeting
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 21	Presidents' Day

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From the Commodore

The days are getting longer and planning for your 2011 sailing season is underway. Dan has a tentative schedule for the racing season to be presented at the Racing Activities meeting February 6 at 14:00; Ernie and the Sailing program are coordinating with Gwynne and Ginger of the Social Committee with the hopes to bring you some new combined events for 2011.

To be sure, there is more taking place than just planning. The keen sailors, a solid 25 members, have already attended a strategy seminar to hone their skills and keep sharp for the upcoming racing season. There is another session scheduled for February 6th after the Racing Activities meeting. While racing may not be your thing, keep in mind that if you're on the water with another boat you are probably racing, even if you don't know it. Furthermore, there is no better way to improve your sailing skills than racing. For those of us that must sail on inland lakes it's good to put a little self-inflicted pressure on your sailing decision-making, as someday the sea surely will.

All of our committees have liaisons and most all have Chairs who are busy with plans for the coming season. Welcome and thanks to all who volunteered.

That being said, we still have a key leadership vacancy for a Membership Committee Chair. David Reynolds has a vision to make this a more manageable role for the future but needs some help to get it in order. I encourage you all to search your schedules and see if we can't find some time for this important role. The board has discussed the options to develop a complete membership roster and handbook on-line in the *Members Only* section behind the firewall. Rest assured, we will continue to publish the current membership handbook for the foreseeable future. Nevertheless, your board believes we need to take steps to keep up with the ever-changing electronic age and the trend for updated information on demand.

As for the other committees, just because we have a chairperson doesn't mean there aren't still plenty of opportunities to join the fun and get involved. Like most things, you get out of this what you put in.

If you have questions and or suggestions on how to make the club run smoother, better, and or more efficiently, I encourage you speak directly to the appropriate committee chair or board liaison. As a Captain friend of mine has told me for many years "most of life's problems are created by misinformation". Please do your part to clear the decks of any misinformation at the outset, it will set us all on a better course. Your input is valuable to us all, in making your club better and a more pleasant place to be.

Stay warm; spring is just a month away with the equinox March 20, 19:21 EDT

Rob Brown, Commodore



January Meeting Minutes

WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING AGENDA

Minutes Subject to Correction
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 2010
Chisholm Creek E. Condominium, Wichita KS

Attendees:

Board: Rob Brown-Commodore, David Bonifield-Vice Commodore, Paul Schye-Treasurer, Gary Mackey-Secretary, Greg Rincker-Rear Commodore, Doug Johnson, Tedd Blankenship, David Reynolds,

Members: Gene Plehal, Gene Nold, Terry and Sharon Lewis, James Rix, Patti Mackey, Ginger Brown, Gary Pierce, Gwynne Bonifield

- Call to Order at 7:00 pm by Commodore Brown
- Quorum is present.
- 2010 December Meeting Minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Paul Schye presented the Treasurer's Report.

- Several members have still not paid yearly membership dues, including some with slip rentals. Treasurer will send out a final delinquency notice.
- Insurance renewal- WVSC received a Notice of Premium Increase and/or Policy Changes from the Insurance carrier. Treasurer has contacted our broker and will follow up with an email and certified letter to the carrier before January 15.
- Concessionaires fees- discussion that the Club is still operating under the old contract. Gene Nold will email concessionaire info to Treasurer.
- Committee expenses - Committee Liaisons to request Committee Chairmen and others to submit expenses on an on-going basis (suggested monthly) to allow the Treasurer to monitor Club's performance to the budget.
- Electric usage during winter- Treasurer will compare electric bills and see if the usage justifies requesting the winter users to pay the difference.

The Treasurer's Report is filed.

Committee Reports:

Security Committee – Greg Rincker

- Outgoing message update: Bill Fonger volunteered to be the Security Committee Chairman and will address the issue when the weather warms up.

- Greg Rincker will write an article for the *Windword* reminding members to make sure the Activity Center door is pulled shut and alarm set when leaving and also to check on your boat during the off season.

Long Range Planning Committee – David Bonifield

- The Long Range Planning Committee plans to look into the following items this year:
 - Club finances do not take into account a long range plan for major maintenance of existing facilities.
 - Committees that have physical facilities will be surveyed for long range maintenance and replacement needs. This would be Harbor, Activity Center, Dry Storage, Club Powerboat, and others.
 - Possibility of changing the number of Long Range Planning Committee members from the current three past Commodores to a minimum of five past Commodores.
 - Conduct a Member survey of long range ideas and desires.
 - **Action:** the Long Range Planning Committee will meet and discuss the noted items.

Club Powerboat Maintenance Committee – Gary Mackey

- The steering cable on the deck boat has been replaced and minor engine work done. Boat is ready for the season.

STEP Program Committee – Gary Pierce

- Gary Pierce gave the annual STEP (Sail Training and Education Program) presentation to the Board. The presentation included handing out the STEP guide titled *A Comprehensive Guide to the WVSC/STEP Training Program for Youth and Adults* to each Board member. The changes to the program were discussed. It was noted that the STEP guide will be put on the Website. Gene Nold presented the STEP budget.
- Request by Greg Rincker that STEP Board minutes and notice of meetings be included in the *Windword*. Agreed to by general consent. Discussion followed about whether all Committee meetings should be published in advance. General agreement was that Committee meetings will be put on

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website and monthly in the *Windword*. Email to the membership announcing Committee meetings is an option open to the individual Committees.

- STEP Sales Tax question
 - Gene Nold provided a written discussion on how STEP is in full compliance with State sales tax laws. It was agreed that some wording in the advertising could be revised to clarify the membership status.
 - At the conclusion of the sales tax question, the Commodore expressed his concern about the way this question was initially brought up. He was not pleased that neither the STEP Board Liaison nor the STEP Board had been contacted to address this question. The Commodore emphasized the importance of contacting the appropriate Committee Board Liaison or Chairman to address a concern. The Commodore expects the Club to move past the difficulties of 2010 from this point forward and for the sniping to stop as of this meeting.
- **Motion by David Reynolds:** That the WVSC Board fully supports the STEP program and that all further requests for information or clarification be directed to the STEP Liaison or directly to any of the STEP Board members and that all requests are to be put in writing and those making the request be identified.
- **Motion was Seconded.**
- Discussion of the motion followed concerning how communication between members and Committees should best be handled.
- **The motion was voted on and failed.**
- Commodore stated he will address communication within the Club in the next *Windword*.

Special Committee Reports:

- ADA Case Special Committee – Greg Rincker
 - Three of the four issues have been dismissed. Time table for remaining issue is not known.
 - Question asked if the Club should be submitting expenses to our insurance. General consent that the Treasurer will submit our expenses to our insurance.

Unfinished Business:

Social Committee Liaison – TBN

- Rob Brown will be the Board Liaison for the Social Committee.
- Committee Chairs - progress on securing Chairs
 - Social Committee- Ginger Brown and Gwynne Bonifield have volunteered to co-Chair the Social Committee.
 - Membership Committee- Chairman Position is still available. David Reynolds suggests the option of dividing the membership duties and the handbook duties. Will continue efforts to find a Chairman including email to membership and notification in *Windword*.
- Harbor Committee — John Aschbrenner has volunteered to be Chairman.
- Calling Committee — Ardie Condon has volunteered to be Chairman.
- Question concerning should Calling Committee be used to announce Committee meetings. General consent that it would depend on the individual Committee.
 - Club Powerboat Maintenance Committee – Gary Mackey has volunteered to be Chairman.
 - Dry storage— Chairman Position is still available.
- Riverfest 2011 Invitation
 - WVSC will not participate as an organization, but information will be added in the *Windword* stating that individual members can participate on their own.

New Business:

- Greg Rincker will take action to put information in the next *Windword* concerning purchasing Kansas State Park permits.

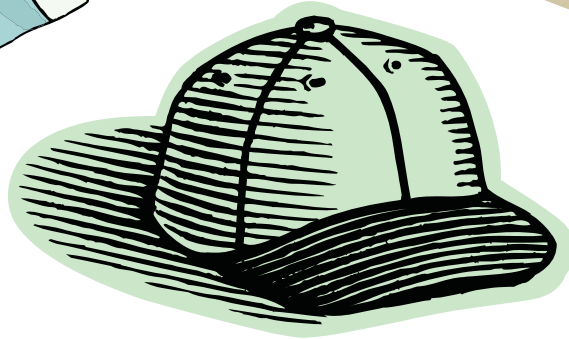
February Meeting Notice

Next Board of Governors Meeting will be February 10, 2011
 7:00 pm at location TBD.
 Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 pm.



The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.

~William A. Ward



Members can get apparel (Hats and Shirts) and other items, such as tote bags, with the Walnut Valley Sailing Club logo from:

KELLY'S CORPORATE APPAREL

355 S. PATTIE

WICHITA, KS 67211

LOCAL: 316-263-5858

You can view their website at:

<http://www.kellysapparel.com>

Due to the large number of items, styles, and colors it is recommended that you visit them in person and browse thru their catalogs and in-store examples.

Cal 9.2 (30ft). 1982. \$17,000. A nice big boat with trailer? New main and Jib in 2000. Spinnaker and Flexible Furler. Universal Diesel. New running rigging. Bimini and cockpit cushions, refrigerated icebox CD player. Custom road trailer. To see this boat, call Patrick at 540.3674

Catalina 25 - 1981 - Swing keel, trailer, slip with board approval. VHF radio, radio/CD player, microwave, air conditioner, head with holding tank. Good main, roller-furling North genoa, spinnaker with ATK sock, new Lewmar self-tailing inches. Bimini top, new cockpit and cabin cushions, 9.9 outboard, and more. \$9500. Call Tony Scuka at 316-942-1990.

Hunter 23.5 - 1995- \$8,000. includes 2007 6hp, 4 cycle Tohatsu O/B, full batten main, 110% Jib plus storm jib. New VC-17 bottom paint, original alcohol stove, sink with new hand pump, Port-a-Pottie, interior in excellent condition, sleeps 4. Canvas dodger provides stand up space in all kinds of weather. Water ballasted. New canvas companion way storage cover to keep out bugs and moisture. Stored inside winters. Galvanized trailer in good condition, functional surge brakes, lights, new tires last year and and Bearing Buddie bearings on all axles. Located in Walnut Valley Sailing Club slip A19. Contact Dave Leiker - 316-640-4052 dpleiker1@cox.net.

Old Laser - good parts for sale.. Hobie 14 boat or parts for sale. Trailers call Dan @ 687-2471 dacridge23@yahoo.com Helsen 22 - 1973. \$4,000- see full ad at helsen22for-sale.com - Ready to sail, ballasted keel, swing centerboard, shallow draft (14" w/board up,) foam flotation, trailer (2007,) 6hp Evinrude (1976,) depth finder, VHF radio, 2 main sails, 2 jibs, 1 genoa, pop-top, boat. Call Charlie Hobbs at 316.519.9037 or email at woodywagon89@hotmail.com



Wanted: Hunter 25.5 or a trailer for one. Dave 722 8765.

Wanted: a 9.9 or 8 hp outboard motor long shaft. Call Tim Peppard at 316-838-8214.

Precision 18. 1998 with dry teak cabin, 4 hp Johnson, galv. trailer with spare tire, jib furling, cockpit cushions, whisker pole, Harken, boom vang, reefing system, covers, twist lock tiller ext, anchor, good bottom paint, etc. Excellent boat. Details see www.precisionboatworks.com then "boats" \$6,800 316 687 3238 or mauricegoff@att.net

Lido 14 w/trailer - 1960ish \$450 Firm -Ready to sail, family day sailor, 2 mains, 2 jibs, hit some rocks once but glassed together since, still needs TLC, seats up to 4, running rigging good condition. This boat offers a lot of fun. Sold as is. 316-680-8339 Nick.

Sweet Sixteen. Approx. 1977 Trailer & cover, light wind sails in good condition. Asking \$1200. See at small boat yard #32. Contact Barney.Anderson@cox.net.

SNIPER - Fiberglass Balsa core, alum. mast and boom, sails maroon hull clear natural mahogany deck. \$1500.00 CONTACT Dick @ 316-685-8611

Swim ladder, located at Snyder's Marina, Cheney Lake. 316-680-8339. Nick.

Phoenix Snipe 16' - 1982, boat # 25196, completely renovated, & race competitive. It has minimum weight, flexible mast, & can be capsized, re-righted & continue sailing. Includes 2 suits of sails, large face compass, & pole launcher, & all sail controls. The trailer alone is worth the \$1,500. price. Ken Rix, 316-684-6086, sail4it@att.net

For Sale: Rectangular white Coleman dock box \$200, Forward water tank for Catalina 30 \$20, and Stainless pedestal guard, \$5. 6HP Evinrude outboard \$200, Red Zodiac inflatable dinghy with wood floor \$300 Alan Huffman 706-8042

Wanted - to buy a sailboat trailer for a Catalina 30. A flat-bed trailer is also an option. Call Paul at 214-6550 or sailingks@yahoo.com

Catalina 25 - 1989 Mark IV, sail #5883, wing keel, tall rig, in-board Universal M-12 diesel, trailer and slip with board approval. Good original main, 150 genoa, jib, roller furler. Updated cabin upholstery, stereo CD player, new alcohol stove, new head. \$13,000. Call Steve Perry at 316-680-6445. or Patrick at 316-540-3674- email patrickadams1587@hotmail.com

Hobie 18. 1979. \$1500. Fast? Yes. Sexy? Absolutely. Includes: Original "red rocket" sails, in good shape; roller furling jib; carbon fiber tipped mast; Hobie Bob; vinyl tramp; sail bags; jib snorkel; Harken block; carbon fiber tiller; trailer; cat box on the trailer for storage; two dagger boards; two orig. harnesses, one new Hobie "captain's seat". This boat has spent its life well cared for and under a cover. Ready to sail. If you want to go fast, this is your boat. Call Charlie Hobbs at 316.519.9037 or email at woodywagon89@hotmail.com



The Racing Activities Committee has met and put together a preliminary schedule for 2011. Please join us February 6th, from 2:00 - 4:00pm, at the Pizza Hut in Andover, for the annual general membership racing meeting to discuss the schedule and other exciting racing stuff pertaining to the upcoming racing season. The meeting will be followed by a continuation of the North Sail instructional DVD that was started at the previous get together.

Hope to see everyone there.

Dan Barlett



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Help Wanted

A member or couple to be our Membership Chair. We need your volunteer support to assist our Club in welcoming New Members. These are primarily administrative duties, plus some public relations in talking to new or prospective members. Pass on your enthusiasm for sailing and having fun at the lake by volunteering to be the WVSC "Welcomer". No experience necessary; we will train you. Work credits are available.

Additional duties include coordinating the production of the annual member handbook. We hope to eventually get this "on line" for electronic access but we will probably always have a need for a printed form for members. If you have an interest in helping in this conversion, please let me know. Contact me directly for additional information on this opportunity to serve your volunteer Club.

David O. Reynolds

WVSC BOG Liaison for Membership 2011
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